

APPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "B" MEETING

TIME AND PLACE: Special Conference Committee "B" convened on November 30, 2007 at 11:07 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Sissom moved to approve the minutes of the Special Conference Committee "B" meeting held on October 12, 2007. The motion was seconded and passed.

PRESIDING: Edward P. Snyder, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Darryl J. Pirok, D.D.S.
Misty L. Sissom, R.D.H.

STAFF PRESENT: Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director
Cheri Emma-Leigh, Operations Manager
Gail W. Ross, Adjudication Specialist

QUORUM: All three members of the Committee were present.

**Richard J. Bass, D.D.S.
Case No. 113967** Richard J. Bass, D.D.S. appeared without counsel to discuss allegations that he may have violated laws and regulations governing the practice of dentistry, in that,

1. In or about 2006/2007, he failed to include a health history in Patient D's treatment record.
2. In or about 2006/2007, he failed to consistently include the diagnosis in Patient A-E's records.
3. In or about 2006/2007, he failed to include a date on a work order for Patient A.
4. In or about 2006/2007, he failed to include his address on work orders for Patients B and F.

The Committee received Dr. Bass' statements and discussed the evidence in the case with him.

Closed Meeting: Ms. Sissom moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia to deliberate for the purpose of reaching a decision in the matter of Richard J. Bass, D.D.S. Additionally, Ms. Sissom moved that Board staff, Alan Heaberlin and Cheri Emma-Leigh, and Administrative Proceedings Division staff,

Gail Ross, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene:

Ms. Sissom moved to certify that only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

Decision:

Ms. Ross read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Sanctions imposed as adopted by the Committee as follows:

1. Dr. Bass currently holds a Virginia dental license.
2. Dr. Bass violated § 54.1-2706(9) of the Code, and 18 VAC 60-20-15(3) of the Regulations, in that in or about 2006/2007, he failed to consistently include the diagnosis in Patient A-C records.
3. Dr. Bass violated §§ 54.1-2706(9) and 54.1-2719.B(iii) of the Code, and 18 VAC 60-20-15(8) of the Regulations, in that in or about 2006/2007, he failed to include a date on a work order for Patient A.

The sanctions reported by Ms. Ross were that Dr. Bass be assessed a monetary penalty of \$2,500.00, be required to complete seven (7) continuing education hours in Recordkeeping specific to diagnostic and documentation, and treatment planning, and be required to pass the Board's dental law examination.

Dr. Pirok moved that the Committee adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and sanctions as reported by Ms. Ross. The motion was seconded and passed.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such on Dr. Bass unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the

allegations made against him is received from Dr. Bass. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this Committee shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Edward P. Snyder, D.D.S., Chair

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

Date

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